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Remember to "Spring Forward" When Daylight Saving Time Arrives on April 4



The Marietta Board of Lights and Water reminds you to set your watches, clocks and other timepieces forward an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, April 3. Otherwise, you will arrive an hour late for Palm Sunday services or other Sunday-morning activities on April 4.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) allows us to get more out of summer days by making the sun appear to rise one hour later in the morning, when most people are asleep, and linger one extra hour in the evening, when most people are awake. DST also helps us save energy by reducing the length of time that we need artificial light on summer evenings.

Benjamin Franklin first suggested a form of DST in 1784. But, no country officially adopted DST until 1916, when several European nations implemented the time-keeping method during World War I. About 70 countries around the world now observe DST in one form or another — even though many rejected DST the first time it was proposed.

In the United States, Arizona, Hawaii and parts of Indiana, as well as the territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and American Samoa, do not observe DST. These states and territories remain on Greenwich Mean Time or "standard time" throughout the entire year. ⚡



NET News

Common Sense Safeguards Can Protect Your Computer From Viruses, Worms and Other Internet Nasties

Just about every few days now, we wake up to news about some new worm or virus wreaking havoc on computer systems around the world. Taking a few common-sense precautions can increase your computer's resistance to many Internet dangers.

Never open suspicious attachments.

Don't open any files attached to an e-mail from an unknown, suspicious or untrustworthy source (e.g., user@hotmail.com, user@yahoo.com, etc.). Moreover, if you don't know what it is, never open any file attached to an e-mail that does appear to come from someone you know. Many viruses replicate and spread through e-mail while the "sender" remains unaware that he or she is helping to spread the virus. If

you'd rather be safe than risk being sorry, simply reply to the sender and confirm whether he or she actually sent an attachment.

Purchase and install a virus-protection program on your computer.

Shop carefully for a program that meets your particular needs, as the cost of virus-protection software usually increases with its level of sophistication. Experts also advise that you should update anti-virus software regularly because researchers discover more than 500 viruses each month.

Trash junk e-mail.

Never forward or reply to chain e-mails or junk e-mail. These unsolicited, intrusive

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Keep Marietta Beautiful Encourages You to Participate in Earth Day-Related Activities

City of Marietta residents and Keep Marietta Beautiful will join environmentally conscious people around the world in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 17.

Keep Marietta Beautiful will hold its quarterly Love the Loop clean up in conjunction with the worldwide observance. Many community-minded individuals and volunteer groups will gather at the Marietta Public Works Building near the intersection of Highway 41 and the North Marietta Parkway at 9 a.m. to participate. Organizers will provide gloves, trash bags and safety vests for participants. Volunteers will also receive snacks and beverages. If you would like to volunteer call Keep Marietta Beautiful at (770) 794-5606.

Keep Marietta Beautiful Director Joan Ellars said that anyone who wishes to join the Keep Marietta Beautiful organization should contact her at (770) 794-5606. Ellars will also assist individuals, businesses, community groups and other organizations in establishing their own clean-up programs.

By participating in such activities, City of Marietta residents can join hundreds of millions

of people around the world in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for generations to come. They will also continue a tradition that began in 1970, after then-U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin proposed “a nationwide environmental protest to shake up the political establishment and force this issue on to the national agenda.”

More than 20 million Americans turned out for the first Earth Day activities. The surprisingly large showing prompted U.S. lawmakers to create the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and pass the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

In the 32 years since the first Earth Day, the celebration has gone global. In 1990, more than 200 million people in 141 countries participated in Earth Day festivities. By 2000, festivals and events had expanded into 184 countries and involved more than a quarter of a billion people. ⚡

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e-mail messages, commonly known as spam, clog up the network and frequently carry viruses.

Back files up regularly.

This practice won't keep viruses away. But if a virus wipes out your files, having a backup will give you a way to recover your data. You should store your backup copy on a disk, CD or other computer in a

separate location from your primary copy.

Check product vendors for updates.

Software manufacturers usually offer updates on operating systems, virus-protection software, Web browsers and e-mail programs. For example, Microsoft users find such updates available at www.microsoft.com/security. ⚡

Now through April 10

A Little Princess by Little General Players
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

Now through April 18

A Raisin In The Sun
Theatre in the Square
Call (770) 422-8369
for tickets and information.

Now through May 16

Dolls & Quilts: Cultural Creativity in Textiles
Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
Call (770) 528-1444
for information.

Now through June 28

Living Traditions: Folk Artists of the American South
Marietta Museum of History
Call (770) 528-0431
for information.

April 23-May 2

Yaarab Shrine Circus, Carnival and Flea Market
Jim R. Miller Park
Call (770) 425-2331
for information.

April 25

Taste Of Marietta
Marietta Square
Call (770) 429-1115
for information.

April 30

Glover Park Concert Series
Marietta Square
Call (770) 794-5601
for information.

Attention Gardeners!

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To load your own, there are plenty of chips at our complex 627 N. Marietta Pkwy, at the end of the main driveway near the entrance to the National Guard Armory.

If you are a Marietta Power customer we will deliver a truck load to your home.

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